

**The Watauga Democrat**

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**The School Law.**

The school law seems not to have been generally understood. Section five abolishes the office of county examiner to take effect on the 1st, Monday in July.

The county commissioners, clerk of the court and register of deeds meet on the first Monday in June and elect three men of their county of good business qualifications and known to be in favor of public education, to constitute a county board of education, and this board shall enter upon the duties of the office the first Monday in July. At this time the county board of education, together with the clerk of the court and register of deeds, shall elect a county supervisor of schools.

The county board of education at the same meeting shall divide their county into as many school districts as there are townships, and elect in each of said school districts five intelligent men to serve as school committeemen for the term of two years, and not more than three of these committeemen shall be chosen from the same political party.—Asheville Citizen.

No man who will abuse a good cow ought to take part in a prayer meeting. The man who will lift his hat to a good cow is better than the one who will abuse her. If you want to abuse anybody or anything, try a book agent or a mule, says the Progressive Farmer.

Everybody looks after the printer. If a newspaperman goes into a store, he buys his goods like others. When he wants a new shirt he does not go from store to store and take bids. If he gets a doctor or lawyer he pays their bills. He never thinks of asking the grocer to put in another pound of sugar for a dollar. When he gets shaved out goes ten cents. If he buys a cord of wood or a bushel of potatoes he knows he ought to pay a little more than the market price. When a couple gets married or there is a church festival he cheerfully gives a couple of dollars worth of notices free; but when there is a fifty cent job of printing, the printer is asked to bid. After going the rounds and getting the price down below living rates he gets the job, provided he donates ten per cent. These are facts, and there is nothing remarkable about it only that the printers are a few blooming fools as to allow it.—Press and Printer.

Engineer Terrill, who for many years ran the 'helper' engine between Old Fort and Swannanoa Gap, and who lost his position on account of his responsibility for the wreck of the vestibuled last summer in which Engineer James was killed, has been restored to duty as switch engineer, says the Statesville Landmark.

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**Mrs. Cleveland and the Wheelman.**

It was Christmas week and a young man on a bike was confidently riding up F street. A heavy carriage drawn by two powerful bays came snorting up the street at the same time. The young man was fairly run into the gutter by the turnout, and to save himself from being crushed he jumped off his wheel.

The bays were drawn up to the curb in great style and the lady occupant of the carriage stepped out to go into a store.

She instantly took in the catastrophe.

The wheel was almost a wreck and the rider was looking around for his hat.

She stepped right up to him and inquired if he was hurt. Being assured that he was not, she took out a card and wrote a few lines on it and gave it to him, saying:

"Have your wheel repaired and send the bill to Mr. Thurber with this card. I am very glad you were not hurt."

The signature on the end of the card was "Frances Folsom Cleveland."—Washington Capital.

**An Accurate Post Master.**

H. C. Martin has on exhibition at his store quite a curiosity. It is a United States Post Office Department Draft on the postmaster at N. Y. for the handsome sum of one cent. It is made payable to Col. Leland Martin, late postmaster at Brier Creek, N. C., where he held the position of postmaster for thirty-three years. Upon his retirement from the office some time since, he asked for a full statement of his account with the department, covering the entire period and it was found that one cent was due him. The draft is executed with all due formality and signed by the 3rd Assistant Postmaster General, countersigned by the auditor of the Post-office Department, as though it were for a large amount, all of which goes to show how accurately the records of the Post-office Department have been kept during these thirty-three eventful years.—The Semi-Weekly Visitor.

The average taxpayer will feel like offering a special vote of thanks to the flood afflicted people living at and near Fargo, N. D., who had \$50,000 voted for them by Congress because of their supposed distress, and who decline to take it. The refusal suggests insanity, but it is unlikely that hundreds of persons have suddenly become afflicted with a kind of insanity that has but one symptom—an inclination to decline money not earned. We shall have to charge the declination to old fashioned honesty, and express thankfulness that there is some of it left, praying at the same time that it may be catching. Perhaps, however, the millennium is upon us, and it may be that even now some tariff beneficiary is about to rise and decline to have the people taxed for his benefit. If he should, some of us are likely to drop dead very suddenly of surprise.—Asheville Citizen.

The Salisbury Sun says that the bursting of a powder can in the store of G. S. and P. A. Surratt, on Chestnut Hill, Wednesday night, started a fire that burned that building, the Episcopal chapel and the dwelling house of E. P. Myrick. The total was nearly \$6,000, with insurance of \$3865.

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**Found the Dead Man's Hoarded Cash.**

Several weeks ago the death of James Russell, an aged man of near Richfield, Stanly county, occurred. He was a wagon-maker and woodworker and it was believed generally that he had saved considerable money and stored it away in secret places, and on last Tuesday, while several parties were engaged in laying off the widow's dower, a search was made. The dirt floor in the old wagon shop was dug up and a small block of wood thrown out. Being in a state of decay, the block fell into pieces, and it was found to contain \$405 in gold. A two-inch hole had been bored in it and the money stored there. Further search was made and in the old farm house was found \$100 in gold and silver.—Charlotte Observer.

Sidney Smith, of Argo, Ga., who died a few days since, was the oldest and probably the most eccentric man in the South. He is said to have been one hundred and eighteen years of age at his death. He realized several days before his demise that his end was near and at his request his pastor, W. W. Bryan, a Methodist minister, preached his funeral, to which he listened attentively throughout, interspersing it with an occasional "amen."—Hustler.

**CASTORIA.**  
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In a book of travels written by a Mr. Barrow we find this interesting bit of information. A Hottentot was seen to apply the short end of his wooden pipe to the mouth of a snake when the reptile was darting out its tongue. Death was instantaneous the effect almost like an electric shock: with a convulsive motion that lasted only for a moment the snake twisted itself, and then became still. And upon examination the muscles were found to be so contracted that the snake felt as hard as if it had been dried in the sun.—Harper's Round Table.

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**NOTICE.**  
North Carolina, Watauga co., Superior court. In the matter of John Moody and Margaret Moody by their guardian W. J. Wilson, Ex parte.

By virtue of an order of sale made in the above entitled cause by the Clerk of the Superior court of said county and approved by the Judge of the 10th Judicial District of N. C. I as commissioner appointed by said court will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the court house door of said county on the 26th day of April 1897, at 12 o'clock, M. one half interest in the following described property, it being the undivided interest of the above named wards, to-wit: 17 acres of land lying and being in Beaver Dam Township, Watauga co., adjoining the lands of D. J. Hilliard, Hugh Henson and others and known as the F. P. Moody tract of land. Terms of sale one fourth payable in cash on day of sale, balance on 6 and 12 months time with approved security with interest from day of sale on deferred payments. Title to said land reserved until final payment is made. This March 23 1897. Smith Hagaman com'r. J. C. Fletcher, atty. for petitioners.

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J. S. WAGNER.

The Jack will be in Boone during court. See him.

**NOTICE.**  
By virtue of the power contained in the last will and testament of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, deceased we will on Monday the 3rd day of May 1897, at the Court house door in Boone, N. C., sell to the highest bidder 800 acres of land on the Rich Mountain Watauga county, N. C., adjoining the lands of T. J. Coffey, Wm. Bradley and others the same being in three tracts. Terms made known on day of sale. This 30th of March 1897.

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